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1. EACH YEAR ALASKAN ESKIMOS AND INDIANS ASSEMBLE IN FAIRBANKS TO COMPETE IN ATHLETIC GAMES POPULAR AMONG NATIVE PEOPLES IN ARCTIC REGIONS. THESE GAMES, KNOWN AS WORLD ESKIMO OLYMPICS, WERE BEGUN IN 1961 AND INCLUDE SUCH CONTESTS AS EAR PULLING, KNUCKLE HOP AND BLANKET TOSS. DATES THIS YEAR ARE JULY 31 - AUGUST 2.

2. GAME ORGANIZERS WISH EXTEND INVITATION TO ESKIMO PEOPLES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS EVENTS. FOREIGN GROUPS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEND A SEVEN-MEMBER DANCE TEAM, COMPOSED OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, AND FOUR PARTICIPANTS IN ATHLETIC EVENTS. CONTESTANTS WILL BE LODGED AT UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FOR NOMINAL CHARGE AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN TRANSPORTATION.

3. EMBASSIES REQUESTED APPROACH LOCAL GROUPS REGARDING PAR-
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